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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Scott D. Lucas, et al. §
Serial No.: 09/317,409 §
Filed: May 24, 1999 § Group Art Unit: 1771
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 § Examiner: J. Befumo

For: **PRODUCTS AND METHOD OF CORE CRUSH PREVENTION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(A)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated January 29, 2003 for four months from March 29, 2003 to July 29, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-4083 in the amount of \$1,450.00 for payment of the extension fee. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-4083.

Respectfully submitted,

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